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2. MINISTRY OF JUSTICE (DE GOUTTES) SENT LETTER TO DCM JUNE 3 TO CONFIRM ORAL RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S MAY 31 PRESENTATION OF DOJ QUESTIONS FOR BARBIE AND REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS (REFTEL). TRANSLATION OF PERTINENT PORTIONS OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

3. QUOTE I REGRET TO CONFIRM THAT THE QUESTIONS WHICH YOU HAVE SENT ME DO NOT CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 30 OF THE FRENCH LAW OF MARCH 10, 1927 WHICH, AS I INDICATED TO YOU DURING OUR MEETING OF APRIL 19, DOES NOT ALLOW FRENCH JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES TO EXECUTE A ROGATORY COMMISSION UNLESS THERE EXIST PENDING CRIMINAL

CHARGES ("POURSUITES REPRESSIVES") IN THE DEMANDING STATE. IT IS THEREFORE NOT POSSIBLE TO GIVE A FAVORABLE JUDICIAL

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RESPONSE ("SUITE JUDICIARE FAVORABLE") TO THESE QUESTIONS. CONCERNING THE DOCUMENTS WHICH MR. RYAN WISHES TO SEE, IT WOULD BE BEST THAT YOU ASK FOR AUTHORIZATION TO EXAMINE THEM FROM THE PROCUREUR GENERAL OF THE LYON COURT OF APPEAL, WHILE KEEPING THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE INFORMED. END QUOTE. GALBRAITH NNNN